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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
DOCKET NO.

In the Matter of	)	
	)	Administrative Action
EDMUND M. CARUSO, D.M.D.	)	CONSENT ORDER
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry upon receipt of patient complaints from Vincent Squeo and Edward Lipowski concerning the dental services Dr. Edmund Caruso rendered for them, consisting, in both cases, of root canal therapy, post and core dentistry and crown and bridge dentistry. The Board reviewed the patients' records, the Board consultants' reports and acquired further information at an investigative inquiry attended by Dr. Caruso together with his counsel, Andrew Ruotolo, Esq., on January 18, 1989. It appearing that the parties wish to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown,

IT IS ON THIS 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 1989,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Dr. Caruso shall make restitution to Vincent Squeo in the amount of Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty (\$3,950) Dollars by submitting a certified check or money order in the aforesaid

amount made payable to Vincent Squeo to the State Board of Dentistry at 1100 Raymond Boulevard, Room 321, Newark, New Jersey 07102, within ninety (90) days of the entry date of this Order.

2. Dr. Caruso shall make restitution to Edward Lipowski in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety One Dollars and Fifty (\$1,591.50) Cents by submitting a certified check or money order in the aforesaid amount made payable to Edward Lipowski to the State Board of Dentistry at 1100 Raymond Boulevard, Room 321, Newark, New Jersey 07102, within sixty (60) days of the entry date of this Order.

3. Dr. Caruso shall waive the uncollected balance of One Thousand Four Hundred and Sixteen Dollars and Thirty (\$1,416.30) Cents due on his fee from Edward Lipowski.

4. Dr. Caruso shall make restitution to Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey, Inc. (on behalf of Edward Lipowski) in the amount of Four Hundred and Sixty-One Dollars and Twenty (\$461.20) Cents by submitting a certified check or money order in the aforesaid amount made payable to Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey, Inc. to the State Board of Dentistry at 1100 Raymond Boulevard, Room 321, Newark, New Jersey 07102 within sixty (60) days of the entry date of this Order.

5. Dr. Caruso shall cease and desist from performing root canal therapy, post and core dentistry and/or crown and bridge dentistry on any new patients until he successfully completes thirty (30) hours of continuing education in prosthodontics including

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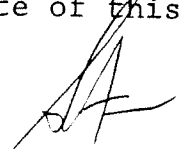
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bridge fabrication, twenty (20) hours of continuing education in root canal therapy and twenty (20) hours of continuing education in diagnosis and treatment planning for a total of seventy (70) hours of continuing education. These courses shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance. The continuing education courses must be completed within six (6) months of the entry date of this Order. Dr. Caruso shall also be required to provide the Board with proof of successful completion of the required course work.


6. Dr. Caruso may continue to perform root canal therapy, post and core dentistry and/or crown and bridge dentistry on those of his patients who are currently undergoing such treatment on condition that: Dr. Caruso provide to the Board of Dentistry a list of those patients currently undergoing such treatment, the treatment record for those patients and a short statement concerning his treatment plan and goals for the patient and the status of the patient. These materials shall be provided to the Board of Dentistry within fourteen (14) days of the entry date of this Order. The Board reserves the right to have a consultant, appointed by the Board, monitor and evaluate the treatment of those patients and make a report of such evaluation to the Board.

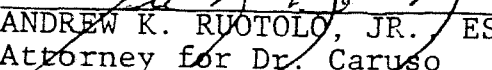
7. Dr. Caruso is hereby reprimanded for attempting to overcharge a patient for duplication of patient records, contrary to N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.8(c).

8. Dr. Caruso is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars for poor recordkeeping in that patient records failed to meet the minimum requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.8. The civil penalty shall be submitted by certified check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey to the State Board of Dentistry at 1100 Raymond Boulevard, Room 321, Newark, New Jersey 07102, within thirty (30) days of the entry date of this Order.

  
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SAMUEL E. FURMAN, D.D.S.  
PRESIDENT  
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

I have read the within Consent Order and understand its terms. I hereby consent to its entry and agree to be bound by the Order's terms.

  
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EDMUND M. CARUSO, D.M.D.

  
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ANDREW K. RUOTOLO, JR. ESQ.  
Attorney for Dr. Caruso